

Philadelphia Athletics Grab College Pitcher Washington Club Was Considering

NATIONALS' SCOUTS LOSE A CHANCE TO LAND YOUNG LONG

Promising College Twirler Is Snapped Up by Connie Mack.

LAFAYETTE MAN WITH PHILLY NOW

Sensational Pitching Attracted Attention of the East.

Once more the Washington club's scouts have been beaten to it in trying to land a player apparently possessing sufficient class to justify a trial in fast company.

Several weeks ago Lester Long, a pitcher at Lafayette College, began to attract attention throughout the East. Several clubs rushed their inspectors to take a look at the young man and yesterday it was reported that Washington would have a scout at Easton, Pa., to pass expert opinion on the twirling ability of the collegian.

Today from Philadelphia comes the following: Lester Long, of Summit, N. J., the sensational twirler of Lafayette College, will join the class of Connie Mack at the school yard tomorrow afternoon in time to don a rig and work out prior to the final clash with the Washingtons at Shibe Park. Mike Drennen, the husky scout of the Mack family, looked Long over recently and liking his actions and looks, flashed the good word on to Connie, the Silent, at the coming tower at Twenty-first and Lehigh avenue. It did not take Mack long to come to an understanding with the Eastern phenom.

Long has pitched wonderful ball for Lafayette this year, having to his credit a no-hit and no-run game against Pennsylvania and various other scalps from many colleges. Yesterday he twirled his last game for Lafayette, beating the South Orange Club by 11 to 3, holding them to 6 hits and fanning 16.

Long, in addition to being a really good pitcher, can also stick some, for he has won many a game for Lafayette by timely hitting. Long was a second pitcher on the Easton College nine when DeMott was the shining star at Lafayette. DeMott joined Cleveland last year, but not meeting with success was sent to the American Association a few weeks ago.

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Baseball Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yesterday's Results

Washington-Philadelphia-Rain.
Chicago, 6; St. Louis, 4 (first).
Chicago, 13; St. Louis, 6 (second).
Detroit, 8; Cleveland, 3.
New York, 9; Boston, 8.

Games Today

Washington at Philadelphia.
Boston at New York.
Cleveland at Detroit.
Chicago at St. Louis.

Standing of the Clubs

	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss.
Detroit	40	18	.690	526-438
Philadelphia	34	18	.654	500-462
New York	29	23	.558	456-457
Chicago	27	24	.528	438-458
Boston	23	28	.449	419-479
Cleveland	24	35	.407	417-490
Washington	20	34	.370	383-436
St. Louis	16	41	.283	323-475

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Yesterday's Results

Philadelphia, 6; Brooklyn, 5.
St. Louis, 7; Cincinnati, 4.
Pittsburgh, 8; Chicago, 2.
New York, 2; Boston, 1.

Games Today

Philadelphia at Brooklyn.
St. Louis at Cincinnati.
New York at Boston.
Pittsburgh at Chicago.

Standing of the Clubs

	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss.
Chicago	40	18	.690	526-438
New York	35	21	.625	482-514
Pittsburgh	32	22	.591	459-517
Philadelphia	33	24	.579	486-502
St. Louis	29	28	.509	454-456
Cincinnati	25	31	.446	436-484
Brooklyn	20	36	.357	398-451
Boston	13	43	.232	346-528

Minor League Results

New York State League

First game-Albany, 4; Utica, 2. Second game, Albany, 4; Utica, 2.
Scranton, 6; Elmira, 0.
Wilkes-Barre, 4; Binghamton, 3.
Syracuse, 6; Troy, 4.

Tri-State League

Johnstown, 9; Harrisburg, 0.
York, 3; Altoona, 1.
Reading, 2; Wilmington, 0.
Trenton, 7; Lancaster, 0.

Eastern League

Buffalo, 16; Baltimore, 10.
Toronto, 8; Jersey City, 3.
Providence, 9; Montreal, 5.
Rochester, 11; Newark, 8.

Western League

Omaha, 6; Denver, 0.
Sioux City, 7; Pueblo, 6.
St. Joseph, 11; Topeka, 0.
Lincoln, 5; Des Moines, 3.

South Atlantic League

Savannah-Chalston game postponed (rain).
First game-Columbia, 3; Augusta, 0.
Second game-Augusta, 0; Columbia, 0.
Called at end of fifth inning on account of darkness.
Columbus, 6; Jacksonville, 1.
Macon, 3; Albany, 2.

Connecticut State League

Waterbury, 0; New Britain, 5.
Hartford, 18; Springfield, 7.
New Haven, 2; Bridgeport, 3.

Southern League

Nashville, 0; Mobile, 3.
Atlanta, 2; Montgomery, 10.
Memphis, 1; New Orleans, 9.
Chattanooga, 1; Birmingham, 4.

Virginia State League

Norfolk, 5; Richmond, 1.
Lynchburg, 3; Petersburg, 0.
Roanoke, 2; Danville, 1.

Ever Hopeful "Mac" Believes There Is Still Trouble Ahead for L. E. Fant



BROTHER TO SEE CUNNINGHAM PLAY

McAleer Agrees to Put "Rubbershirt Bill" Back in Game Friday, When He Learns of Letter From Schenectady That Threatens Loss of Kinsman Fan.

By "SENATOR."

PHILADELPHIA, June 21.—"Rubbershirt Bill" Cunningham our resting second-sacker, expects to get back into the line-up when the Nationals arrive in New York, Friday, and if he does it will be because his brother up in Schenectady refused to go down to the metropolis unless Bill was carrying round that midway pitcher on the Easton College nine when DeMott was the shining star at Lafayette. DeMott joined Cleveland last year, but not meeting with success was sent to the American Association a few weeks ago.

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Cunningham got a letter from his brother yesterday, replying to one he had sent from Washington, in which he asked his brother to go down to New York and take in one or two of the games. Yesterday came the letter from Schenectady, and immediately all Bill's friends—and that's everybody—began to grin.

"What are you folks all laughing at?" asked Jimmy McAleer, noting the perpetual grin everywhere.

"Why, they're all laughing at my brother," said Cunningham. "He writes me that he won't go down to New York to see me unless I'm in the game. He doesn't care about the rest of the players, but he wants to see me playing."

"Where is it that he lives?" asked McAleer.

"In Schenectady," replied the player.

"Well, I'll play you, Bill, if only to get a man out of a town like that for one day."

So Cunningham expects to be put into the game when the Nationals land in New York, and he promises to be much better, both in the field and with the willow, than he was before his temporary retirement.

"I've had quite a rest now," said Cunningham today, "and I am getting anxious to play again. I think I've recovered from the yellow seats, and will be right in the game from the beginning."

Need of Improvement.

With conditions remaining as they are now in the Washington ball park, American League infielders are not going to build up their fielding averages much when carded for exhibitions in the Capital City. According to several players, the glaring yellow seats, combined with the high sky, make it almost impossible to judge bounces driven with any speed toward them. The outfielders are not complaining, but the men who work around the diamond say that until the seats become weather stained or are painted the conditions will make almost a game of chance in the infield.

"I don't recollect having very much trouble on the Washington ball park," said Eddie Collins, king of American League second sackers, yesterday, "though I do say that the sky is high as can be seen, and I can see that a background of light yellow chairs is bound to make it difficult to judge bounces in the infield."

"I didn't like the yellow background," said "Stuffy" McInnis, "and think the field would be much easier played if the seats were darker in color. At short, where I played when we were in Washington, I noticed the ground was very rough, often causing the ball to take strange, unexpected hops. Sometimes I think a man could gauge these hops better against a darker background."

Kid Hopes for Change.

Kid Elberfeld, the Nationals' veteran third sacker, is hoping the double-decker when completed will obviate many of the conditions now existing, for he agrees with the others that the yellow background is hard on the infielders.

"Until I went over to second," said Elberfeld, "I wondered why Cunningham was losing some balls and starting late for others. As soon as I got over to second, I found the reason was the strange yellow light caused by the new seats in the stand."

NO WAIVERS ASKED ON TOMMY LEACH, OF PIRATES' CLUB

Rumor of Action After Quarrel Is Denied by Officials.

CHICAGO, June 21.—Both Secretary Locke and Manager Clarke today denied the report that waivers had been asked on Tommy Leach, following a rumored quarrel between the player and Dreyfuss.

Waivers have been asked on Sagie, Steel, Ferry and Hunter.

Notes of the Nationals.

By "SENATOR."

The Philly baseball writers treat the Nationals with ridicule, and "Wid" Conroy is looking for one of them with his knife sharpened to a razor edge.

Walter Johnson's efforts to defeat the champs were wonderful to behold, and all the Athletics are booming him. They say that they have not faced such speed as the Kansas Cyclone uncorked in that first game.

George McBride is strong for "Red" Walker, the lad from Carolina. "The kid is fast as chain lightning on his feet," says George, "and takes a lot of worry off my shoulders on hits out there to him."

While the Nationals are in Philadelphia, "Wid" Conroy lives at his home in Morristown, N. J., across the river from Sloughs. He has to hustle after getting his dinner to reach the hotel in time, but he says it's worth it.

The Nationals are wondering how much longer they are to have "Rubbershirt" Egan officiating behind the plate in their games. Neither Egan nor Sheridan can see straight, and Egan is palpably guessing on balls and strikes.

"Rubbershirt Bill" Cunningham, the deposed second-sacker of the Nationals, is setting nervous waiting to be put in the line-up again. "It's harder playing the game on the bench than it is in the field," says he.

"Red" Walker, the debutante gardener, is looking forward to seeing New York. "It must be quite a town," said he, "but I am answered by John Henry: 'Yes, it's a fair-sized town.'"

"Stuffy" McInnis is playing a great game at first for the Athletics, and that high and lofty batting average of his is slumping under the strain of daily performances.

"Massa John" Henry, the utility backstop and first-sacker of the Nationals, has invested in a new mitt, and says he is ready to go in any day, and guarantees to hold the greatest speed Walter Johnson can send over the dish.

Germany Schaefer says he always likes to play in Philadelphia because the fans appreciate him so much. "You know," says Schaefer, "when you wake up and find somebody applauding, you always unconsciously join in the applause before you know what has happened. Well, that's the way it is with the Philly fans."

Jimmy McAleer, under instructions from his physician, is rising very early mornings and takes a walk before breakfast. "I am improving somewhat," says McAleer, "but I guess my stomach was pretty much all in when I started this treatment."

"Dor" Atsmitz is not much smitten with Philadelphia, and says he has yet to see a town to equal Washington—unless it be Cambridge. "You know we Cambridge men—I might say we Harvard men," says he, "we are inclined to be fussy about some things."

Joplin Bout Canceled.

JOPLIN, Mo., June 21.—Governor Hadley forced the promoters to cancel the bout between Jack (Twin) Sullivan and Jeff Clarke, scheduled for here last night.

BOB THAYER'S SPORTING GOSSIP

"EVERY KNOCK IS A BOOST."

Athletes good students.

Five prominent athletes of the Washington high schools have thoroughly demonstrated the fact that a schoolboy may spend plenty of time in healthy sports without detriment to his studies.

Commencements were held yesterday afternoon, and, in looking over the scholarship awards for the five schools, I find that more boys who have engaged in athletics have captured honors than have boys who have taken no part in systematic physical training.

At Business Rhythone, of the football and track teams, gets the scholarship to Syracuse, and Shore, of the football and track teams, goes to Georgetown; Parker, the Eastern baseball player and football captain, won the scholarship to Washington at Lee, while Western High's athletes lead the other schools, with three winners of scholarships: Holden, pitcher, going to Lafayette; Gray, outfielder, to the University of Chicago, and Fuller, third baseman, to Harvard.

This is certainly a record to be proud of, and should do much to quiet all the talk about a schoolboy being unable to participate in athletics without adverse effect on his studies.

Wagner on first.

There are many who believe that Fred Clarke, the Pittsburg manager, is making a mistake in taking Hans Wagner on shortstop to play him at first. As a coverer of ground the Flying Dutchman is without a peer in baseball, and I am rather inclined to think that that gap between second and third bases will suffer more than will be offset by the improvement at first.

Of course, Wagner is making good at first, but whether short will be protected satisfactorily remains to be seen.

Easy for Detroit.

If the Western clubs were the only ones that Detroit would have to play there would be little to it in the race for the American League title.

The Tigers got off to a flying start by feeding on the Westerners, and now they have started in on the teams of that section to make up for what ground was lost by reverses in the recent Eastern trip.

Connie Mack will have to keep those Athletics hustling to overtake that band of Bengals headed by the fighting Jennings.

Triumph for Harvard.

This was an awful jolt Harvard handed Yale yesterday in the opener of the baseball series. Up to the time of starting the contest the Blue was a pronounced favorite, and from the accounts of the experts who saw the game, it will take a mighty reversal of form to enable Yale to avert defeat in the next meeting.

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GEORGETOWN KEEPS ATHLETIC DIRECTORS FOR ANOTHER YEAR

Coaches of All Teams Have Made Success Past Season.

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Names Will Stand Unless Something at Present Unexpected Happens.

Each man who coached an athletic team at Georgetown during the year just closed will be asked to remain for another season.

Although it has been customary in the past to defer the selection of all but the football coach until after the opening of the new scholastic term, it was today learned from one high in athletic councils on the heights that no change in directorship is contemplated in any branch of sport.

Early in the winter Captain Dalley, of the football team, announced that Fred Nielsen had been engaged for another season. The eleven under Nielsen last fall reached the height of Georgetown's football season by winning from Virginia after nine years, during which the Blue and Gray did not score a victory over the men from Charlottesville. As the captain and manager have had the assistance of the coach in framing the schedule, and as the plan of campaign has already been mapped out, instead of delaying, as was the case last year, the football situation is considered as being in far better shape than heretofore.

Springman Asked Back.

Everything considered, the baseball season was voted such a success that Coach Springman has already been asked to return, and it is now up to him whether he will have time to accept the position. When Springman took charge baseball affairs were in rather a chaotic condition, but he succeeded in developing a team that is being ranked higher than any Georgetown nine in a number of years.

In field and track athletics Coach Foley is again being looked upon as the logical man for the place. Years ago Foley and the university's first track team, and in four seasons had raised Georgetown from an unknown factor on the clunder path until he had his men handling up new world's records. Last season there was some little friction, and Foley worked under a severe handicap, but he succeeded in developing a team that is being ranked higher than any Georgetown nine in a number of years.

Joyce Chosen Again.

Maurice Joyce will again be in charge of basketball. In addition to his regular gymnasium classes, Joyce put out a quint that had a rather erratic season, but it arose to its full strength in the real tests. The basketball quint and the football seven were the only Georgetown teams to win from Virginia during the season which just closed. The outlook for rowing appears far from encouraging. The feeling appears to be that the cost of maintaining a crew is too severe a drain on the treasury of the Athletic Association, but even should aquatics be revived no selection of a coach would be made until about the time of the Christmas holidays.

Strayers Continue

The Winning Stride

Strayer's Business College continues its good work on the diamond, and added an 18 to 1 victory to its record yesterday over the War College nine. Yetton pitched a star game for Strayers, letting his opponents down with two hits. Out of four trips to the plate, Solomon made the university's longest, triple, and home run winners.

Gordon also batted well, scoring three runs for his team.

Midgets Win.

The Belmont Midgets trounced the Eagle Athletic Club in a loosely played game yesterday by 13 to 1. Williams, for the Eagles, formerly of the Indian Office and Bureau of Standards, was driven to the bench in the first inning, in which the Midgets put over fourteen runs.

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